

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT

SELECT BOARD

Select Board
Martin Memorial Hall
5259 Route 5, Ascutney VT
Monday, February 3, 2020
7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
APPROVED 2/28/2020

Select Board Members Present: N. John Arrison
Daniel Boyer
David Fuller
Kelly Murphy
Michael Todd

Select Board Members Absent:

Brandon Gulnick, Town Manager

Others Present:

Edith Stillson	Nikita Lenahan	Natalia Martinez	
Paul Tillman	Fred Kowalik		
Lisa Slade	Darrin Spaulding		

1. Call to Order

Mr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

2. Review minutes from previous meetings

1/13/2020

Additions/corrections/deletions:

- a. Mr. Todd mentioned several typographical errors. He will email them to Ms. Tillman for correction.

Motion: Approve the minutes of 1/13/2020 with corrections

Made by: Mr. Todd **Second:** Ms. Murphy

Vote: All in favor

1/16/2020

Additions/corrections/deletions:

- a. The motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mr. Arrison, not Mr. Boyer

Motion: To approve the minutes of 1/16/2020 with correction

Made by: Mr. Todd **Second:** Mr. Boyer

Vote: 4 voted in favor; 1 abstention

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1/20/2020

Additions/corrections/deletions:

a. None

Motion: To approve the minutes of 1/20/2020

Made by: Mr. Todd **Second:** Mr. Arrison

Vote: All in favor

1/28/2020

Additions/corrections/deletions:

a. None

Motion: To approve the minutes of 1/28/2020

Made by: Mr. Todd **Second:** Mr. Arrison

Vote: 4 voted in favor, 1 abstention

3. Comments from Select Board/Town Manager/Citizens

Ms. Murphy asked why “Agenda Review” was not on the agenda and what the “Other Business” item was for.

Mr. Fuller said he didn’t think the agenda review was necessary and the other business category was for unanticipated items that come up during a meeting.

Mr. Gulnick said February 17th is Presidents’ Day and asked if the board wanted to move the meeting to the 18th. It was agreed to wait on that decision to make sure there is no other meeting scheduled in board chambers for that evening.

Mr. Todd requested an agenda item – 2nd amendment sanctuary status – for the next meeting. Mr. Fuller said the board could take that up under other business.

The library town challenge is scheduled for March 14th. The board and the town office will need to assemble their teams.

There were no comments from citizens.

4. PUC Notice for solar at transfer station

Mr. Gulnick said the PUC has issued a stay until an additional study is complete. We are waiting on Norwich Solar to see how they are going to proceed. He said this agenda item is to discuss what the Town’s next steps will be in the process.

Mr. Fuller said it will have to be decided who will spend money on this – the Town or Norwich Solar?

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Mr. Kowalik referred to earlier discussions with Norwich Solar and their assertion that if Phase 2 testing were to be required, the Town would be responsible for the cost.

Mr. Kowalik said his property and water supply are within 300 feet of the capped landfill and asked how the Town would protect them. Mr. Fuller said we don't know what we're getting into – no one's responsibilities have been defined yet. He said it would not be fair to speculate at this point.

The Phase 2 testing requirement came about apparently as a result of the Phase 1 report done by Norwich Solar as part of the original application.

5. Review Warning/Preparation for Town Meeting

The board briefly reviewed the warrant and discussed who/how each article would be presented. It was suggested that Ed Morris's power point presentation be used as a template for this year's budget discussions.

6. Review Select Board Annual Report

Last minute clarifications to make sure the report that went to the printer is accurate.

7. Advertisement of the Land Use Position

The Land Use position is budgeted for full time until June 30th when it will drop to part time (25 hours). Mr. Gulnick asked how the board wanted to advertise the position. It was agreed to advertise it for the part time hours with the appropriate benefits. Mr. Gulnick will serve as the interim Land Use Administrator until the position is filled.

Motion: To authorize the Town Manager to advertise the position of Land Use Administrator for 25 hours with benefits as listed

Made by: Mr. Arrison **Second:** Mr. Boyer

Vote: All in favor (Mr. Boyer was not present for this vote)

8. Approve Warrants

Motion: To approve the warrants for 2/3/2020 as follow:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$41,242.26
	Payroll	\$6,769.84
Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$19,650.58
	Payroll	\$5,085.98
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$5,401.96
	Payroll	\$755.24

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Library	Operating Expenses	\$0.00
	Payroll	\$962.21
Grants	Operating Expenses	\$0.00
Agency Monies	Operating Expenses	\$0.00
Reserves		\$0.00
Long Term Debt		\$0.00
Grand Totals	Operating Expenses	\$66,294.80
	Payroll	\$13,573.27

Made by: Mr. Arrison **Second:** Ms. Murphy

Vote: All in favor

9. Any other business

Mr. Fuller said that in a follow up to the complaints filed against the board, board members had received copies of the Open Meeting Law and other appropriate training materials about board conduct.

It was agreed to put a discussion about 2nd amendment sanctuary on the next agenda.

Mr. Fuller said he would like to move the cut-off for packet materials to noon on Wednesday prior to the next meeting so as to allow staff sufficient time to assemble the packets and the packets to be delivered to the board members.

The board will appoint Mr. Gulnick as town health officer at the next meeting.

10. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Arrison **Second:** Mr. Todd

Vote: All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Daniel E. Boyer, Selector

David Fuller, Chairperson

Kelly Murphy, Selector

Michael Todd, Clerk